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SUBJ: ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS

REF: SEOUL 6102

1. SEO (FONOFF NORTHEAST ASIA DIV CHIEF) CALLED POLCOUNS MID-AFTERNOON SEPT 15 TO REPORT THAT FONOFF HAD JUST SENT AMB USHIROKU FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON ROK-JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS.

2. SEO BEGAN BY NOTING THAT IN THEIR MEETING EVENING SEPT 14 USHIROKU AND FONMIN KIM ENDED ENCOURAGINGLY CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT. FONOFF IS RESPONDING TO THAT CONVERSATION WITH PROPOSAL THAT TANAKA LETTER DRAFT MUST REMAIN UNCHANGED, BUT GOJ WOULD BE WILLING TO INFORM KOREAN SIDE IN ADVANCE OF NATURE OF ORAL EXPLANATION SPECIAL ENVOY SHIINA WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO MAKE WHEN HE MEETS WITH PRES PAK. FURTHERMORE, JAPANESE PROPOSE AGREEMENT THAT UNSIGNED NOTE OR MEMO BE LEFT WITH KOREANS RECORDING WHAT SHIINA SAID IN HIS PRESENTATION. SEO OBSERVED THAT KOREANS STILL, OF COURSE, WANT THE PAPER SIGNED OR INITIALED, BUT GOJ CANNOT AGREE TO THAT.

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3. SEO SAID KOREANS URGING THAT SHIINA COME TO SEOUL MONDAY SEPT 16 OR TUESDAY SEPT 17, BUT FONOFF BELIEVES IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS AND OTHER PREPARATIONS ON THEIR SIDE IN TIME TO MEET THIS SCHEDULE. USHIROKU IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO SUGGEST THAT SHIINA COME TO SEOUL INSTEAD ON WEDNESDAY SEPT 18.

4. REFTTEL WAS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN SEO CALLED, SO NUMBER OF OBVIOUS QUESTIONS UNANSWERED. FONOFF OFFICIALS CONCERNED PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE, BUT AMB SNEIDER IS SCHEDULED TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH VICE MINISTER TOGO AT ABOUT 6:00 P.M., IMMEDIATELY AFTER ARRIVAL TOKYO. ROK EMBASSY TODAY QUERIED US ABOUT SNEIDER'S PLANS, BUT WE SAID ONLY THAT HE IS OVERNIGHTING AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND WHILE HE MAY SEE SOME OLD FRIENDS ON JAPANESE SIDE DURING HIS BRIEF STOPOVER HE HAS NO OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS. WE PLAN TO SAY SAME THING TO PRESS, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO MONITOR AMB SNEIDER'S ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT.
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